



Schools Peer Mediation Case Study

Cherry Fold Primary School

Smile Mediation is a community mediation service based very near to Cherry Fold Primary School. The school were experiencing problems with conflicts on the playground and it was having a knock on impact on learning. They were looking for ways to deal with these issues and when Smile Mediation suggested a Playground Peer Mediation scheme, the headteacher agreed that it would be very helpful.

Smile Mediation partnered with Peacebuilders to create a bespoke Peer Mediation package of support and training for the school. Two staff coordinators were recruited to run the scheme and I provided advice and resources to recruit children and get the scheme established. I provided three days of training for eighteen year 5 and year 6 children, as well as a staff INSET and assembly plans to raise awareness of the new scheme in school.

The children rose to the challenge and the feedback several months on was that it was helping to create a calmer atmosphere in the playground and immediately after break time. The teachers reported a particular transformation in the behaviour of one of the children who became a peer mediator. The responsibility of the role gave him a new lease of life and focus for his energy.

Testimonial

“The training and support received from Laura went beyond all expectations. The peer mediation scheme has been a very valuable investment and we were very impressed at the skills of Laura as a trainer. I would wholeheartedly recommend Peacebuilders.”

B. Oxton, Headteacher, Cheetwood Primary School

Are you considering peer mediation for your school but not sure if it's suitable?

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